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Case No. 9683/58

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mobuhiko NAKA

Serial No: 09/462,127

Examiner: HAN, Qi

Filed: December 29, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1654

For: SPEECH DECODER AND
SPEECH DECODING METHOD

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated August 18, 2003 for a period of 2 month(s).

☒ Applicant:

☐ claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

☒ is other than small entity


| | <u>Extension Months</u> | <u>Other Than Small Entity</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One Month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Two Months | \$420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three Months | \$950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four Months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five Months | \$2,010.00 | \$1,005.00 |

Fee Payment

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$420 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 30, 2003


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